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last week than the week before (28 against 21), and nearly all of them among poor country people, a large proportion being unprotected negroes and mulattoes driven into the city by the exigencies of the war.

Mortuary report.—During the week ended April 8 there were 270 deaths in all in the city, 20 of which were caused by yellow fever, with approximately 80 new cases; 28 were caused by smallpox, with approximately 230 new cases; 11 were caused by enteric fever, 6 by so-called pernicious fever, 1 by paludal fever, 25 by dysentery, 25 by enteritis, 2 by diphtheria, 1 by glanders, 4 by pneumonia, and 32 by tuberculosis. Seventeen of the deaths caused by yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, and the remaining 3 were among civilians. Twenty-six of the deaths from smallpox were among civilians and 2 were among Spanish soldiers.

The weather continues fine and not particularly warm.

Very respectfully,

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Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended March 13, 1897. There were 6 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 2; 5 from yellow fever, a decrease of 2; 10 from beriberi, a decrease of 1; 44 from tuberculosis, an increase of 11, and 295 from all causes, an increase of 19. In all the infectious diseases there was a decrease in the number of deaths, but the total from all causes shows an increase of 19, due to the great number of deaths from diseases of the respiratory system, caused, perhaps, by the sudden changes in temperature, and the excessively moist atmosphere.

Yellow fever.—This disease need cause no more apprehension, as the time for an epidemic has passed.

Smallpox.—Only an occasional case occurs.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: March 9, steamship *Sydenham*, British, for Ship Island, Miss. March 11, steamship *Rosemorran*, British, for Hampton Roads, Va. March 12, steamship *Ethelreda*, British, for Baltimore, Md.; steamship *Salerno*, German, for New York, N. Y., and steamship *Lord Kelvin*, British, for Mobile, Ala. March 13, steamship *Galileo*, Belgian, for New York, N. Y., and steamship *Mexican Prince*, British, Santos to New York, N. Y. March 15, steamship *Lundy*, British, for Fernandina, Fla.; steamship *County Down*, British, for Pensacola, Fla., and steamship *Corrientes*, French, for New Orleans, from Santos.

Respectfully, yours,

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INDIA.

Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended March 9, 1897.

BOMBAY, March 12, 1897.

SIR: The constantly decreasing mortality from week to week leads all to hope that we have seen the worst of the plague in Bombay. It is to